STATE OF ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY

Application of COMMONWEALTH EDISON

COMPANY, for a Certificate of Public

Convenience and Necessity, Pursuant to Section 8-406 of the Illinois Public Utilities Act, to construct,

operate and maintain a new 138,000 volt electric

transmission line in Cook County, Illinois.

No. 01-0833

Direct Testimony of

ROBERT M. JONES, SR.

Manager

Real Estate Tax & Acquisition Real Estate & Facilities Department Commonwealth Edison Company

Com Ed Exhibit No. 3

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- 1 Q. Please state your name and business address.
- 2 A. My name is Robert M. Jones, Sr. My business address is Three Lincoln Centre, 4th
- Floor, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois 60181-4260.
- 4 Q. By whom are you employed?
- 5 A. Commonwealth Edison Company.
- 6 Q. How long have you been employed by Commonwealth Edison?
- 7 A. 25 years.
- 8 Q. What is your present position with Commonwealth Edison Company?
- 9 A. My position is Manager, Real Estate Tax & Acquisition in the Real Estate & Facilities
- Department of Commonwealth Edison.
- 11 Q. How long have you been a Real Estate Manager?
- 12 A. I have held the position of Real Estate Manager since November 1998.
- 13 Q. What are your responsibilities for ComEd?
- 14 A. My primary responsibilities for ComEd include coordinating the acquisition of real
- property for use as transmission and distribution rights-of-way and substation sites.
- Additionally, I also coordinate the acquisition of utility easements, including rights of
- ingress and egress, and construction access. I also actively participate in the selection of
- routes for the above mentioned rights-of-way.

- 19 Q. What other positions have you held in the Real Estate & Facilities Department
- Department at ComEd?
- A. From 1994 through November 1998, I held the position of Real Estate Coordinator.
- 22 Q. What were your responsibilities as Real Estate Coordinator?
- 23 A. My duties as Real Estate Coordinator were similar to my responsibilities as Manager,
- 24 Real Estate Tax & Acquisition.
- 25 Q. What other positions have you held in the Real Estate & Facilities Department
- 26 Department?
- 27 A. From 1990 through 1994, I held the position of Senior Real Estate Agent.
- 28 Q. What were your responsibilities as Senior Real Estate Agent?
- 29 A. My duties as Senior Real Estate Agent were very similar to my current responsibilities as
- Real Estate Coordinator. I coordinated the acquisition of real property for use as
- transmission and distribution line rights-of-way, substation sites, and utility easements. I
- also sold excess property that ComEd acquired.
- 33 Q. What position did you hold prior to 1990?
- A. Prior to that, from 1987 through 1990, I held the position of Real Estate Agent.
- 35 Q. Please describe your responsibilities in this position.

- A. As Real Estate Agent, my responsibilities were very similar to those I performed as Senior Real Estate Agent. However, I also worked with the employee relocation program
- 38 for ComEd.
- 39 Q. And prior to 1987, what position did you hold?
- 40 A. From 1984 to 1987, I was Assistant Real Estate Agent.
- 41 Q. What were your responsibilities?
- 42 A. I worked with the employee relocation program.
- 43 Q. Prior to 1984, what was your position?
- 44 A. Prior to 1984, I performed numerous functions for ComEd. These included permit clerk,
- draft person, title searcher, and property inspector.
- 46 Q. How many transmission right-of-way acquisition projects have you worked on in your
- 47 tenure at ComEd?
- 48 A. I have been involved with approximately sixteen such projects.
- 49 Q. Please describe your educational background.
- 50 A. I have a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from Roosevelt University.
- 51 Q. Have you taken any additional courses, classes or seminars?
- 52 A. Yes. I have taken numerous real estate courses dealing with property acquisition. I have
- also taken a seminar dealing with transmission line routing.

- 54 Q. For what professional licenses or organization memberships are you qualified?
- 55 A. I am a licensed Real Estate Broker in the State of Illinois. Additionally, I am a member 56 of the International Right-of-Way Association.
- 57 Q. Are you familiar with the Petition filed by ComEd in this proceeding?
- 58 A. Yes, I am.
- 59 Q. What is the purpose of the Petition?
- To obtain a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing ComEd to construct, operate, and maintain a new 4.6 mile 138 kV electric transmission line. The proposed transmission line will be located entirely within ComEd's existing service territory and will connect ComEd's substation TSS 90 DeKoven, which is now under construction, to ComEd's existing substation TSS 82 Crosby.
- 65 Q. To the best of your knowledge are the statements set forth in the Petition true and correct?
- 67 A. Yes, they are.
- What responsibilities does the Real Estate & Facilities Department have in connection with locating a new transmission line like this one?
- A. Agents of the Real Estate & Facilities Department, with my assistance, determine any land or land rights that may be required, and obtain any other rights or permits that may be required in order to permit the line to pass over, under, across, or along roadways railroads, and utility facilities, waterways, and wetlands.

- 74 Q. What does Exhibit A to the Petition show?
- A. Exhibit A shows the route of the proposed line. Exhibit A also shows the location of railroad tracks crossed or paralleled and the name of the railroad owning those tracks.
- Q. Does Exhibit A show the location of pipelines and major power or communication lines within one-half mile of the proposed line?
- No, it would be nearly impossible to show them all. There are just so many and they are so close to where our facilities will be located that attempting to show them would make the map unclear. However, we have identified the names of the railroad, utility, and pipeline companies that have facilities that are crossed or paralleled within 200 feet of the proposed new line, and given each of them notice of our Petition. None of these facilities will interfere with the proposed line.
- 85 Q. What is Exhibit B to the Petition?
- 86 A. Exhibit B is a description of the route in words.
- Q. Does the description contained in Exhibit B to the Petition accurately describe the route?
- 88 A. Yes, it does.
- 89 Q. What is Exhibit C to the Petition?
- 90 A. Exhibit C to the Petition is an Affidavit of Notification, in which I list the persons or 91 entities to whom a Notice of Filing of this Petition was sent. The list includes the names 92 and addresses of the utilities and railroads that have facilities in close proximity to the 93 line. It also lists state agencies, public officials and other interested parties.

- Q. Has ComEd sent formal notice of filing of its Petition of construction of the proposed lineto these people?
- 96 A. Yes. An example of our notice is attached to my testimony as Attachment RMJ-1. All of 97 the other notices to which I refer in Exhibit C were substantively identical to Attachment 98 RMJ-1.
- 99 Q. What is Exhibit D to the Petition?
- 100 A. Exhibit D lists the names and addresses of each record owner of privately owned tracts of
 101 land, upon or across which the proposed transmission line will be constructed, as
 102 disclosed by the records of the tax collectors of Cook County, as of not more than thirty
 103 (30) days prior to the filing of this Petition.
- 104 Q. What right-of-way costs does ComEd expect to incur in order to construct this project?
- 105 A. None. We believe that, as proposed by ComEd, the line can be constructed on right-of-106 way obtained from the City of Chicago.
- 107 Q. Will the construction of the line remove agricultural land from cultivation?
- 108 A. The entire line is in an urban area, and construction of the line will not result in the 109 removal of any agricultural land from cultivation.
- Q. Will the proposed line impact historic property or property of archaeological significance?
- 112 A. No, we do not believe so. The proposed line will neither occupy, nor transit, historic property.

114	Q.	Will the line require construction in wetlands?
115	A.	The proposed project will have no impact on wetlands under the jurisdiction of the
116		United States Army Corp of Engineers.
117	Q.	Will the line interfere with the operation of any commercial airports or restricted landing
118		areas?
119	A.	No, the line will be constructed underground.
120	Q.	Did ComEd consider other routes for the line?
121	A.	Yes, the routes considered are detailed in the testimony of Mr. Frank Frentzas.
122	Q.	Does this conclude your testimony?
123	A.	Yes.

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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

December 21, 2001

Victor Morano
Coordinator of Street Permits
Department of Transportation
Inspection/Construction Compliance
City Hall/Room 804
Chicago, IL 60602

Re: In the matter of the application of Commonwealth Edison Company for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, under Section 8-406 of the Illinois Public Utilities Act to construct, operate and maintain a new electric transmission line in Cook County, Illinois

Dear Mr. Morano:

Commonwealth Edison Company is in the process of filing an application with the Illinois Commerce Commission for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing it to construct, operate, and maintain a new double-circuit underground 138 kV electric transmission line in Cook County, Illinois. The purpose of the project is to increase the capacity of ComEd's bulk power system, and to improve reliability of service in the City of Chicago. The underground transmission line which is the subject of the application is approximately 4.6 miles long and will be located under and / or within public rights of way controlled by the City of Chicago and the Illinois Department of Transportation. Additionally, approximately 166 feet will be located within an existing easement along private property. Enclosed for your reference is a copy of our route map on which we have indicated in "red" the location of our proposed right-of-way.

Please acknowledge receipt of this notice and the enclosed map in the space provided on the duplicate original of this letter and return the same to me in the self addressed stamped envelope provided.

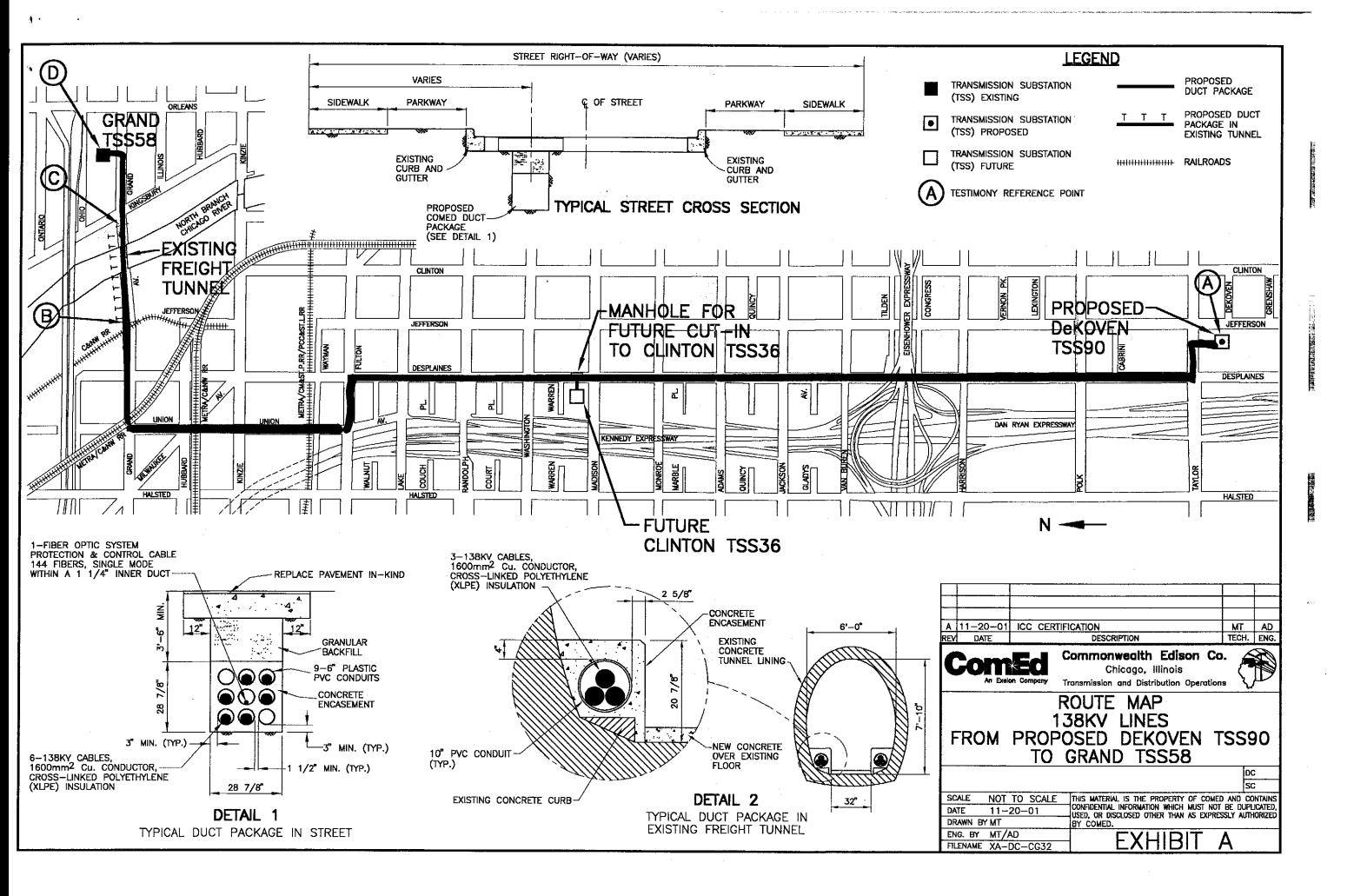
I would appreciate receiving your reply within ten (10) days from the date of this letter.

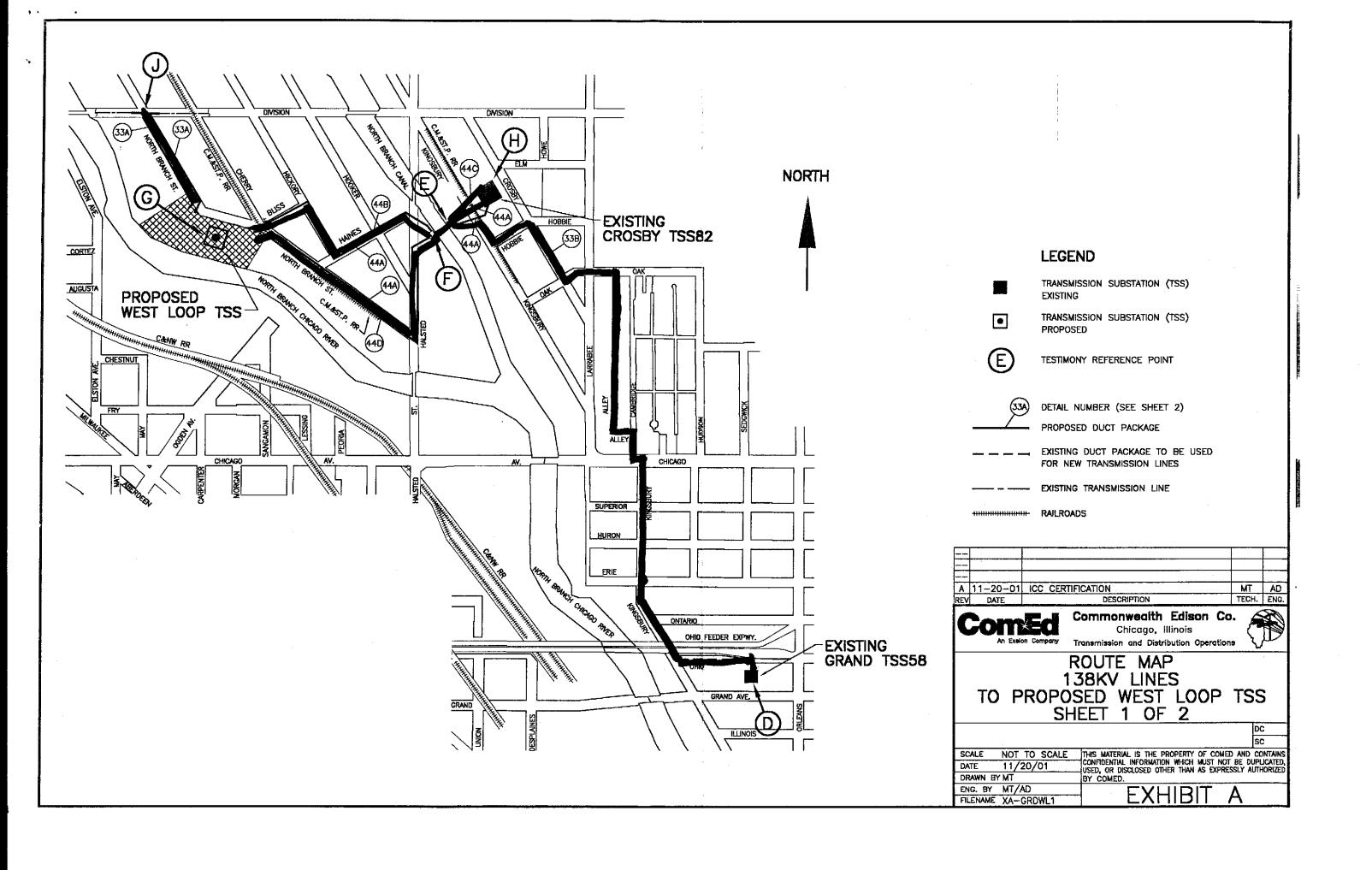
Please address your correspondence to my attention at the following address, or if you should have any questions, please contact me at (630) 437-2211.

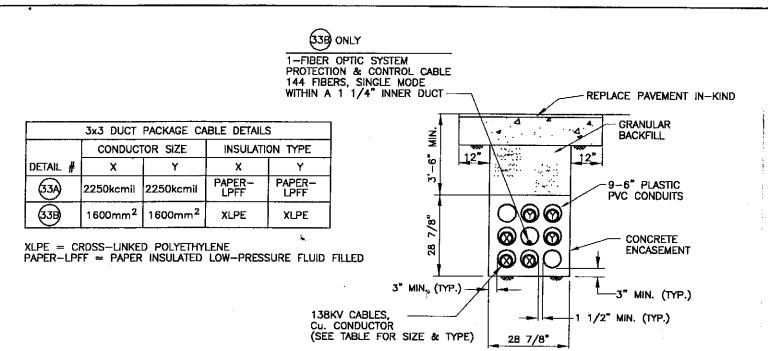
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Yours truly, W Robert M. Jones S		(0 P 11 1	
Manager, Land Ac	equisition, Permi	ts & Railroads	
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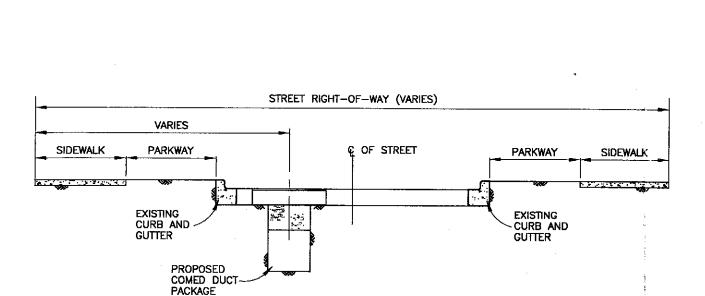




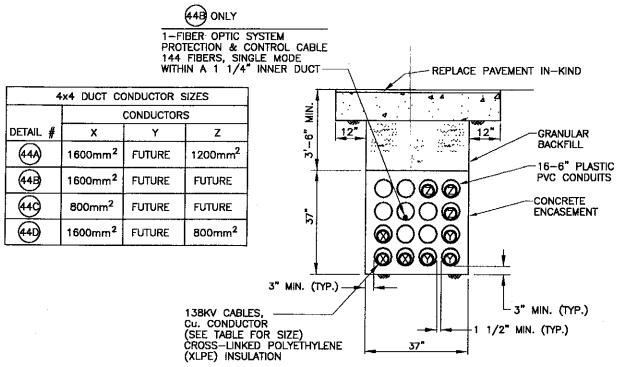
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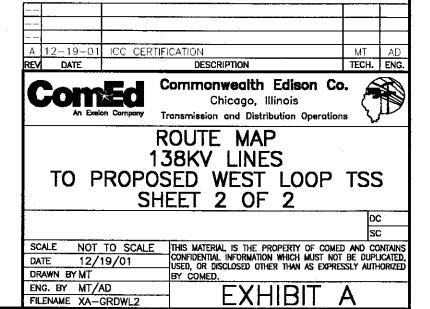


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Christopher W. Zibart, do hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Direct Testimony of Robert M. Jones, Sr. was served upon all parties on the attached Service List by U. S. Mail this twenty-third day of January, 2002.

Christopher W. Zina

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